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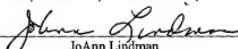
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Dear Sir:

**REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 CFR §1.53(B)**

**CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10:** The undersigned hereby certifies that this paper or papers, as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" having an Express Mail mailing label number of :EV333849875US, in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 28th day of August, 2003.

By \_\_\_\_\_

  
JoAnn Lindman

This is a request for filing a continuation application, under 37 CFR §1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial No.10/160,450 filed on May 30, 2002, for an invention entitled DISTAL PROTECTION DEVICE AND METHOD.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the inventor's DECLARATION of John M.K. Daniel, Thomas E. Broome, David J. Holtan, Robert L. Cassell, and Daniel O. Adams, as originally filed on May 30, 2002.
2. I hereby verify that the enclosed papers are a true copy of prior application Serial No. 10/160,450 as filed on May 30, 2002, and further that this statement was made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

3. Cancel in this application original Claims 2-30 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. At least one original independent claim has been retained for filing purposes.
  
4. The filing fee is calculated below:

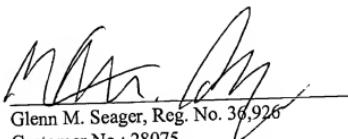
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5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 50-0413.
  
6. A check in the amount of \$ 750.00 is enclosed to cover the filing fee.
  
7. Amend the specification by deleting on page 1, "Incorporation by Reference" and the paragraph that follows, and inserting, immediately before "Background of the Invention" on page 1 thereof, the sentence -- This is a continuation of copending Application Serial No. 10/160,450 filed on May 30, 2002, which in turn is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/735,332 filed on December 12, 2000, which in turn is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/409,497 filed on September 30, 1999, which in turn is a continuation of Application Serial No. 08/943,358 filed on October 3, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,001,118, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 08/810,825 filed on March 6, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,814,064, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 08/813,794 filed on March 6, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,827,324.--
  
8. Please find enclosed sixteen (16) sheets of formal drawings.
  
9. The power of attorney in the prior application is to CROMPTON SEAGER & TUFTE LLC. The power appears in the papers in the prior application file, and a copy is enclosed. Address all future communications to:

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10. This patent application is assigned to SCIMED LIFE SYSTEMS, INC., pursuant to the Assignment recorded on March 24, 1998 at Reel 9053, Frame 0830.
11. A check in the amount of \$750.00.
12. Postcard Receipt.

Date: Aug 26, 2003



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